

RESOLUTION NO. 801

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE AREA IN WESTERN WASHINGTON; EXPRESSING THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR'S SUPPORT FOR SUCH A DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is a historic maritime city, with an economy and culture based on maritime related activities and industry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is committed to the preservation, enhancement and promotion of its historic, cultural and natural resources for the benefit of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor's historic resources, along with its natural marine setting, are major strategic assets that should be enhanced and leveraged economically for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, increased heritage tourism will provide long term economic opportunities for local businesses, while honoring and enriching Gig Harbor's heritage; and

WHEREAS, increased heritage tourism planning and coordination between Gig Harbor and other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, will lead to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources, while also providing economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas are nonregulatory federal designations that provide access to federal funding sources and technical assistance not otherwise available for preservation and heritage related activities; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Maritime Heritage Area in Western Washington is consistent with these objectives and Gig Harbor's existing preservation policies, and will further the economic prosperity and quality of life for Gig Harbor residents and its visitors; now, therefore;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council expresses its support for the establishment of a National Maritime

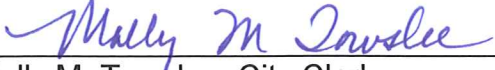
Heritage Area in Western Washington.

RESOLVED this 14th day of September, 2009.



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

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